

# SMART CARD READER CIRCUIT AND METHOD OF MONITORING

## Abstract of the Disclosure

5           A smart card reader (8) includes a detection circuit (26) that has a plurality of inputs (30, 38, 42) for monitoring a plurality of operating conditions of the smart card reader. A plurality of outputs (53-56) provide a plurality of sense signals (VCCOK, VCCOC, VBATOK, CRDINS). A multiplexer (60)  
10 has a plurality of sense inputs coupled to the plurality of outputs of the detection circuit. A selection input (67, 68) receives a selection signal (ADDR) for routing one of the plurality of sense signals to an output (32) as a status signal (STATUS).